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[Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition - The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee

Extension of time till 29-2-1948 - Sanctioned

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

From
Sri K.A.Nachiappa Gownder,M.L.A.,Chairman.

To
The Joint Secretary to the Government,
Revenue Department,Fort St.George,Madras.
Government House,Mount Road,Madras,D/3-2-1948.

Sir,

Prohibition - The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee - Extension of time till 20-2-1948 for submission of the final report - Requested.
Ref: G.O.No.Ms.121,Revenue,dated 20-1-1948.

In their order cited, the Government have grated extension of time till 15-2-1948 for the submission of the Committee's final report to them. The Committee intended to meet on 12-2-48 to approve the final report for submission to Government,but 12th February 1948 has been declared as a day of National mourning on account of Mahatmaji's sudden demise, and between the 13th to 15th I have got definite works of an important nature already fixed at Salem. Hence, I am fixing up the final meeting on 16-2-48 and some days will be necessary for this work and closing of the office. Further any other trip before that time would involve additional expenditure by way of Travelling Allowance.

Two of the members of the Committee and myself are the members of the Legislative Assembly, one member is from the Legislative Council and our journey to Madras on the 16th would not be an extra cost to Government since we are coming anyhow to Madras to attend the Assembly sessions on 17-2-48 and Council sessions on 21-2-1948. The cost of Travelling Allowance has to be reckoned in respect of only one member of the Committee and the extra cost of continuance of the staff would not be very much.

I,therefore, request that the Committee may be granted extension of time for another 5 days i.e. till 20-2-1948 for submission of the final report to Government and that early orders may be passed sanctioning the continuance of the staff upto 20-2-1948 A.N. The request is made under very sad and unavoidable circumstances, and there is financial advantage as well. Hence, I hope and wish that my request will be complied with.

Solicit the favour of urgent orders.

Sd.X /Chairman,
Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

From
Sri K.A.Nachiappa Gownder M.L.A., Chairman, The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee, Madras.

To
The Joint Secretary to the Government,Revenue Department, Fort St.George,Madras.

Government House, Mount Road,Madrad,dated 16-2-1948.

Sir,

Prohibition - The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee- Extension of time till 10-3-1948 for submission of the final report - Requested.
Ref: G.O.No.121, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948;
My letter dated 3-2-1948.
From Government Revenue Department,Memo.No.3680-D/48-2 dated 15-2-1948.

I find that some information is still due from a number of offices and the drafting of the report has not, therefore, made much headwa

I hope that you will agree with me when I say that this report is a very important one not only for our Province, but to the whole country. The matter of working of the Prohibition is looked upon by one and all with great eagerness and interest and we in Madras have boldly taken up and are pushing through the same in right earnest. It is the declared policy of the Congress that the drink evil must be rooted out altogether and it is a pet scheme of late revered Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation. Hence, it is very necessary that we will have to explore all possible ways and means to work the programme to absolute success and report should be a well considered and properly drafted one to put forth facts and figures in a cogent way and in a well presentable form.

Taking the present stage and the situation into consideration, I am obliged to feel that it is not at all possible to complete the work and present the report by 20-2-1948. Further the Legislative Assembly sittings start tomorrow and are likely to continue for a long time together with the budget meetings. Besides, I have got the Zamindari Abolition Bill Select Committee work which also occupies my time. Thus I am not able to pay undivided attention to this work.

Owing to the above circumstances I am compelled to request the Government to extend the life of the Committee upto 10-3-1948 before which I will be able to get the whole work through in the most satisfactory way. If I could complete the work earlier, I shall be quite prepared to submit the report and close the establishment even before 10-3-1948. I may tell you this much that the work is being pushed through in an expeditious manner.

Except the expenditure on establishments there will not be much cost by way of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance, since the Legislatures are having their meetings. As I am quite eager that the report must be thorough and complete without any room for undue criticism, I am making the request to extend the time upto 10-3-1948. The same may be complied with.

Solicit the favour of immediate orders.

Sd. x x /Chairman,
Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

Revenue Department.

TO A.S.

Please see the D.O. on p.8 ante and the letter on pp.9 to 10 above. The main file (7680-D/48) was submitted to H.M.(Fin.) on 7-2-48. It has not yet returned. It has come back. I think.

2. In his letter dated 4-2-48, the Chairman, M.P.E.C., requested extension of time for 5 days from 16-2-48. The file is in circulation. In the meantime, the Chairman was permitted to continue the staff till 20-2-48 in anticipation of sanction. Sd. xx

3. The Chairman now requests further extension of time till 10-3-48 for the submission of the Committee's final report. In the circumstances explained in the letter on pp.9-10 above, it is for orders whether extension of time till 10-3-48 will be granted.

Finance may see after return from circulation.

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Abstract.

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G.O.Ms.No.392, Revenue Department dated 21-2-1948.

READ:- G.O.Ms.No.121, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948.
From the Chairman, the Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee, letters dated 3-2-1948 and 16-2-1948.
Government Memo.No. 7680/D/48-2, dated 15-2-1948.

ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Chairman in his letters read above, the Government grant further extension of time till 29-2-1948 only for the submission of the final report by the Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee. The Chairman is informed that no further extension will be sanctioned.

2. Sanction is accorded for the retention till 29-2-1948 of the following staff employed under the sanction last conveyed in G.O.Ms.No.121, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948 to work under the Committee:-

(1) Secretary in the grade of District Prohibition Officer.
(2) One Senior Superintendent,
(3) One Upper Division clerk
(4) One Steno-typist,
(5) Two Lower division clerks, and
(6) Two peons.

3. The expenditure should be debited to "8.b. Provincial Excise - District Executive Establishment - I. Ordinary areas - B.Prohibition staff"

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy.to Government.

To
The Chairman,
The Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee.
The Board of Revenue (Excise)
" Accountant General through Finance.

/True copy/

R. Thiagarajan 22.1.54
Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

PSR. 18-12-53.